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Changes in the Tables

Consumer Price Indices

British Honduras (Belize).

A new series of consumer price indices with original base June 1958 = 100 has been introduced in this issue.

The index is based on a family living survey conducted in May, June and July 1958 among 333 working class families in Belize. Price quotations are generally collected monthly, prices for selected perishable food items being ascertained weekly. Rent quotations are collected once in six months; prices for some items (electricity, newspapers, tuition fees, etc.) are collected once in six months or quarterly.

The index is computed as a weighted arithmetic average with fixed base; the number of items and the percentage weights used in the computation are as follows:

Group	Number of items	Percentage weights
Food and beverages	44	50.3
Clothing	23	12.4
Rent	1	7.7
Fuel, light and ice	4	6.9
House furnishings and appliances	11	4.3
Household operations	7	3.7
Miscellaneous	23	14.7
Total	113	100.0

In the Supplement this new series has been linked at June 1958 to the former cost-of-living index (original base September 1939=100) and is published on the base 1953=100.

Israel.

A new series of consumer price indices with original base January 1959=100 has been introduced in this issue.

The index is based on a family living survey conducted between May 1956 and April 1957 among 6,824 wage earners' families, covering all towns with a population of more than 10,000 persons.

In the Supplement this new series has been linked at January 1959 to the former cost-of-living index (original base September 1951=100) and is published on the base 1953=100.

Further details on the compilation of this new series will be published in a subsequent issue of the Supplement.

Austria.

A new series of consumer price indices with original base 1958=100 has been introduced in this issue.

The index is based on a family living survey conducted in 1954-55 among 3,989 salaried employees' and wage earners' families of average income and average size.

The retail food prices used in computing the index are ascertained around the 15th of each month in ten towns of which eight are capitals of Länder.

The index is computed as a weighted arithmetic average with fixed base ; the number of items and the percentage weights used in the computation are as follows :

Group	Number of items	Percentage weights
Food	78	46.8
Clothing	27	13.1
Rent, heat and light	17	10.3
Miscellaneous	98	29.8
Total . . .	220	100.0

In the supplement this new series replaces the former consumer price index for Vienna (original base March 1938=100) as from March 1959 and is published on the original base 1958=100. For further details on the compilation of the series, see " Neue Indizes der Verbraucherpreise ", in *Statistischen Nachrichten* (Vienna, Österreichisches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung), Mar. 1959.

Iceland (Reykjavik).

A new series of consumer price indices with original base, March 1959=100 has been introduced in this issue.

The index is based on a family living survey conducted in 1953-54 among salaried employees', wage earners', and fishermen's families in Reykjavik.

In the Supplement this new series has been linked at March 1958 to the former cost-of-living index (original base March 1950=100) and is published on the base 1953=100.

Further details on the compilation of this new series will be published in a subsequent issue of the Supplement.

SYMBOLS AND TYPES EMPLOYED

. = inapplicable or figures not available.
— = nil or negligible.
... = not yet received.
* = provisional.
r = revised since previous issue.

A line —— placed between two figures in a column indicates that the figures above and below it are not strictly comparable or that a new series begins below the line (see footnotes).

Figures in *italics* : index numbers based on another year than 1953.

The countries are arranged by continents in alphabetical order.

Unemployment

Date	Africa	America					
	Union of South Africa	Canada				United States	
	V (B) [1]	I		II [3]		I	
			%		%		%
1937	4 510	.	.	.	.	7 700 000[4]	14.3[4]
1952	12 142	156 000[2]	2.9[2]	219 326	7.0	1 932 000	3.1
1953	12 113	162 000	3.0	251 374	7.9	1 870 000	2.9
1954	13 717	250 000	4.6	356 764	10.8	3 578 000	5.6
1955	12 461	245 000	4.4	319 129	9.3	2 904 000	4.4
1956	12 739	197 000[r]	3.4	272 349[r]	7.3[r]	2 822 000	4.2
1957	15 014	278 000[r]	4.6	380 177	9 5	2 936 000	4.3
1958	18 821	432 000	7.1	551 508	13.6	4 681 000	6.8
1958 : Mar.	16 392	636 000	10.6	859 639	20.4	5 198 000	7.7
Apr.	17 148	554 000	9.1	722 252	17.6	5 120 000	7.5
May	17 363	389 000	6.4	551 103	13.6	4 904 000	7.1
June	18 535	340 000	5.5	445 487	11.0	5 437 000	7.7
July	20 052	310 000	4.9	300 826	7.7	5 294 000	7.5
Aug.	20 045	318 000	5.0	294 587	7.5	4 699 000	6.7
Sep.	20 979	285 000	4.6	282 587	7.2	4 111 000	6.0
Oct.	20 663	329 000	5.3	323 530	8.3	3 805 000	5.5
Nov.	21 238	379 000	6.2	419 233	10.6	3 833 000	5.6
Dec.	21 015	467 000	7.6	714 954	17.1	4 108 000	6.0
1959 : Jan.	24 745	578 000	9.5	785 071	18.8	4 724 000	7.0
Feb.	25 071	571 000	9.4	795 999	19.0	4 749 000	7 0
Mar.	25 498	554 000	9.1	766 862	18.1	4 362 000	6.4
Apr.	27 018	467 000	7.6	610 770	...	3 627 000	5.3
May	...	355 000	5.7	279 431	...	3 389 000	4.9
June	...	249 000	4.0	...	...	3 982 000	5.6

Date	America (concl.)			Asia			
	Chile	Puerto Rico		Burma[5]	Ceylon	India	Israel
	V (B)	I		V (A)	V (A)	V (A)[6]	V (B) [7]
			%				
1937	2 315	.	.	.	.	.	.
1952	3 274	100 000	15 2	4 782	51 603	383 992	9 413
1953	2 835	91 000	14 4	3 566	52 649	477 575	17 680
1954	3 824	97 000	15.4	3 136	56 513	562 319	13 455
1955	3 776	92 000	14.3	3 146	67 609	647 109	10 738
1956	6 244	83 000	13.0	2 311	79 630	749 099	12 290
1957	7 444	82 000	13.0	1 802	94 997	816 280	12 513
1958	9 358[r]	89 000	13.9	1 552	114 807	1 049 176	9 945
1958 : Mar.	8 794	.	.	1 725	116 780	931 749	6 370
Apr.	9 446	68 000	10.5	1 689	113 666	936 263	9 640
May	10 196	.	.	1 616	109 281	963 345	9 670
June	10 437	.	.	1 402	110 326	1 001 573	9 155
July	10 814	86 000	13.7	1 598	114 076	1 083 126	10 285
Aug.	10 422	.	.	1 495	114 918	1 128 741	9 710
Sep.	9 806	.		1 477	115 488	1 153 900	5 450
Oct.	9 041	104 000	16.6	1 475	115 943	1 164 369	7 455
Nov.	8 654	.	.	1 355	116 104	1 159 031	10 200
Dec.	8 240	.	.	1 327	117 796	1 183 299	11 130
1959 : Jan.	...	103 000	15.9	2 126	120 133	1 195 926	10 550
Feb.	...	.	.	1 760	119 410	1 210 523	11 700
Mar.	...	.	.	1 675	...	1 217 650	8 730
Apr.	...	68 000	10.6	1 444	...	1 236 988	...
May	...	.	.	1 709	...	1 252 214	...
June	...	.	.	...	...	...	...

I. Labour force sample surveys.
II. Compulsory unemployment insurance statistics.
III. Unemployment relief statistics.
IV. Trade union returns.
V. Employment office statistics.
V (A). Applicants for work registered.
V (B). Unemployed registered.

[1] Non-indigenous. [2] 1952 : average of less than 12 months. [3] Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit : incl. claimants for short-time unemployment benefits ; percentages based on total insured wage and salary earners. [4] Official estimate. [5] Rangoon and Mandalay only. [6] 1957-58 : new employment offices opened. [7] Daily average during the month.

Date	Asia *(concl.)*			Europe			
	Japan [1]		Pakistan	Austria		Belgium	
	I		V (A)	V (B)		II [4]	
		%			%		%
1937	295 443	.	.	320 961 [2]	.	125 929	13.8
1952	470 000	1.2	107 079	156 975	7.7	173 570	8.3
1953	450 000	1.1	93 088	183 651	9.0	183 614	8.8
1954	590 000	1.5	88 504	163 827	7.9	166 926	8.1
1955	680 000	1.6	103 881	120 748	5.7	116 489	5.7
1956	640 000	1.5	127 096 r	119 335	5.4	91 034	4.4
1957	530 000	1.2	137 462	112 168	4.9 [3]	77 860	3.7
1958	570 000	1.3	136 842	123 154	5.3	109 747	5.2
1958 : Mar.	850 000	2.0	137 017	192 739	8.4	110 972	5.2
Apr.	550 000	1.3	130 040	123 625	5.4	103 541	4.9
May	510 000	1.1	131 148	87 422	3.8	98 833	4.6 r
June	590 000	1.3	127 263	75 387	3.3	96 749	4.6
July	570 000	1.3	132 704	73 478	3.1	98 095	4.6
Aug.	580 000	1.3	138 719	70 505	3.0	96 913	4.6
Sep.	530 000	1.2	136 584	72 556	3.1	99 162	4.7
Oct.	490 000	1.1	138 121	82 112	3.5	104 966	4.9 r
Nov.	490 000	1.1	146 515	104 913	4.5	128 362	6.0 r
Dec.	530 000	1.2	149 311	174 275	7.4	151 470	7.1 r
1959 : Jan.	670 000	1.6	157 336	227 087	9.7	169 818	8.0 r
Feb.	710 000	1.7	159 062	225 499	9.6	169 174	8.0
Mar.	920 000	2.1	158 573	166 738	7.2	146 543	6.9 r
Apr.	570 000	1.3	161 977	99 672	4.3	132 298	6.2 r
May	540 000	1.2	170 502	77 442	3.3	117 462	5.5
June	...	...	...	...	...	107 684	5.1

Date	Europe *(cont.)*						
	Belgium *(concl.)*		Denmark		Finland [7]	France	
	II [5]		IV [6]		V (B)	III	V (B)
		%		%			
1937	.	.	95 630	21.7	1 397	354 554	379 994
1952	72 968	3.5	81 645	12.5	2 382	39 269	131 799
1953	62 193	3.0	61 018	9.2	5 653	62 389	179 967
1954	57 826	2.8	54 143	8.0	2 560	62 390	183 300
1955	55 909	2.7	65 939	9.7	1 551	51 985	158 610
1956	53 742	2.6	75 492	11.1	2 232	31 623	110 304
1957	38 950	1.8	70 948	10.2	5 404	18 317	80 309
1958	71 146	3.4	68 446	9.6	8 732	19 122	95 018
1958 : Mar.	92 602	4.4	114 946	16.2	9 475	20 533	95 906
Apr.	71 352	3.3 r	60 348	8.5	5 160	19 463	91 846
May	67 691	3.2	49 378	7.0	2 169	18 235	84 431
June	62 271	2.9 r	29 332	4.1	2 016	16 670	77 371
July	51 850	2.4 r	36 127	5.1	1 979	15 430	73 560
Aug.	48 757	2.3	29 640	4.2	4 353	15 620	76 719
Sep.	53 876	2.5 r	45 005	6.3	6 108	15 928	85 591
Oct.	63 469	3.0	36 362	5.1	11 998	17 551	101 974
Nov.	67 129	3.2	47 518	6.7	19 387	21 875	117 833
Dec.	101 209	4.8	124 409	17.4	22 171	28 026	133 699
1959 : Jan.	147 544	6.9 r	91 684	12.8	20 520	36 885	168 772
Feb.	166 279	7.8 r	81 901	11.4	19 201	44 253	178 980
Mar.	89 250	4.2	62 328	8.7	12 393	44 764	161 314
Apr.	72 442	3.4	39 486 r	5.5	905	42 557	150 485
May	60 000	2.8	16 580	2.3	928	39 591	136 247
June	57 831	2.7	18 292*	2.6*	858	34 878	116 980

The roman numerals and other abbreviations used in this table are explained on p. 18.

[1] 1937 : official estimate ; Dec. 1953-Mar. 1954: excl. the Amami Islands. [2] Applicants for work. [3] Beginning 1957: scope of series enlarged. [4] 1937: voluntary unemployment insurance statistics ; beginning 1952 : wholly unemployed only (daily average). [5] Daily average of partially and temporarily unemployed. [6] Unemployment among insured members of trade union funds. [7] Excl. persons employed on public relief work.

Date	Europe *(cont.)*				
	Germany (Fed. Rep.)[1]		Ireland		
	V (B)		II[2]		V (A)
		%		%	
1937	.	.	.	.	81 760
1952	1 379 203	8.4	38 565	9.1	60 688
1953	1 258 597	7.5	43 213[3]	9.6[3]	70 562[3]
1954	1 220 607	7.0	37 500	8.1	62 436
1955	928 306	5.1	32 009	6.8	55 223
1956	761 412	4.0	36 763	7.7	61 418
1957	662 337	3.4	43 724	9.2	69 686
1958	683 117	3.5	40 604	8.6	65 232
1958 : Mar.	1 108 231	5.7	46 981	10.0	79 468
Apr.	589 682	.	45 311	9.6	75 084
May	469 917	.	40 752	8.7	67 117
June	401 328	2.0	39 036	8.3	60 993
July	356 139	.	34 702	7.4	50 407
Aug.	332 609	.	34 639	7.4	50 097
Sep.	327 560	1.7	32 606	6.9	47 812
Oct.	356 750	.	35 403	7.5	51 803
Nov.	426 185	.	38 882	8.3	64 459
Dec.	931 131	4.7	38 881	8.3	65 918
1959 : Jan.	1 343 507	.	48 619	10.5	83 172
Feb.	1 107 088	.	47 103	10.2	81 233
Mar.	587 898	3.0	43 874	9.5	75 259
Apr.	396 445	.	40 641	8 8	69 847
May	320 799*	.	37 573	8.1	64 380
June	255 395*	...	34 200	7.4	55 404

Date	Europe *(cont.)*								
	Italy		Luxembourg[5]	Netherlands		Norway		Spain
	V (B)[4]		III	V (B)[6]		V (B)		V (B)
		%			%		%	
1937	874 000	4.6	18	324 044	.	29 881[7]	.	.
1952	1 849 680	9.5	26	105 778	3.5	11 634	1.2	106 544
1953	1 946 533	10.0	33	84 077	2.8	14 357	1.5	107 178
1954	1 958 680	10.0	64	60 214	1.9	12 695[8]	1.3[8]	122 603
1955	1 913 414	9.8	39	41 407	1.3	12 542	1.2	112 109
1956	1 937 471	9.9	43	30 326	0.9	13 865	1.4	105 887
1957	1 756 640	9.0	11	41 359	1.3	14 669	1.4	91 141
1958	1 755 002	9.0	29	81 472	2.4	23 632	2.3	80 967
1958 : Mar.	1 890 880	9.7	69	97 724	2.9	34 708	3.4	91 076
Apr.	1 832 206	9.4	5	82 473	2.5	27 102	2.7	86 423
May	1 700 605	8.7	4	69 501	2.1	14 926	1 6	75 773
June	1 633 375	8.4	4	63 724	1.9	9 324	0.9	68 410
July	1 627 219	8.3	13	70 045	2.1	7 792	0.8	69 731
Aug.	1 610 067	8 3	7	66 195	2.0	10 350	1.0	73 787
Sep.	1 594 819	8.2	2	61 914	1.8	13 910	1.4	75 158
Oct.	1 651 994	8 5	4	66 422	2.0	19 438	1.9	79 860
Nov.	1 739 994	8 9	17	75 324	2.2	26 262	2.6	81 339
Dec.	1 905 674	9.8	21	105 291	3.1	41 816	4.0	85 664
1959 : Jan.	1 988 292	10.2	138	113 664	3.4	44 010	4.3	81 183
Feb.	1 932 667	9 9	139	104 391	3.1	35 899	3 5	81 602
Mar.	1 833 169	9.4	7	71 385	2.1	31 719	3.1	81 007
Apr.	1 754 446	9.2	3	58 793	1.8	25 679	2.5	78 063
May	...	...	...	45 700	1.4	...	...	...
June	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

The roman numerals and other abbreviations used in this table are explained on p. 18.

[1] Excl. Saar. [2] Excl. agriculture, fishing and private domestic service ; incl. partially unemployed. [3] Beginning Jan. 1953 : scope of data enlarged due to application of Social Welfare Act, 1952. [4] Percentages based on the economically active population. 1937 : 1936 population census ; beginning 1952 : 1951 population census. [5] Daily average during the month. [6] Excl. persons employed on public relief work. [7] Applicants for work. [8] Beginning Feb. 1954 : excl. unemployed farmers owning more than 20,000 sq. m. of land.

Date	Europe *(cont.)*					
	Sweden [1]		Switzerland	United Kingdom [3]		
	V (B) [2]		V (B)	V (B) [4]		V (B) [5]
		%			%		%
1937	67 351	10.8	57 949	1 324 027	8.5	205 063	1.5
1952	21 675	2.3	5 314	368 400	1.7	94 100	0.4
1953	27 189	2.8	4 995	356 300	1.7	23 700	0.1
1954	25 432	2.6	4 329	302 900	1.4	14 900	0.1
1955	24 490	2.5	2 713	243 500	1.1	21 000	0.1
1956	19 120	1.5	3 038	258 300	1.2	28 800	0.1
1957	23 472	1.9	2 047	327 100	1.5	20 100	0.1
1958	31 694	2.5	3 373	450 500	2.0	50 400	0.2
1958 : Mar.	45 578	3.6	3 505	442 316	2.0	41 577	0.2
Apr.	47 877	3.8	2 208	454 227	2.0	40 748	0.2
May	33 699	2.6	1 716	433 712	1.9	64 105	0.3
June	17 001	1.3	1 588	405 887	1.8	67 033	0.3
July	12 979	1.0	1 140	399 090	1.8	51 161	0.2
Aug.	16 714	1.3	1 723	439 365	2.0	45 353	0.2
Sep.	17 717	1.4	1 910	452 145	2.0	62 589	0.3
Oct.	22 356	1.7	2 412	487 302	2.2	64 503	0.3
Nov.	30 304	2.4	3 032	520 496	2.3	55 003	0.3
Dec.	42 151	3.3	6 124	518 233	2.3	53 235	0.3
1959 : Jan.	55 372	4.3	9 623	593 111	2.7	73 398	0.3
Feb.	44 897	3.4	5 119	591 193	2.7	61 614	0.3
Mar.	33 411	2.6	2 675	539 577	2.4	51 772	0.2
Apr.	31 891 r	2.7	1 905	522 013	2.4	46 092	0.2
May	25 543*	1.9*	1 450	480 452	2.2	37 846	0.2
June	15 717*	1.2*	1 120	420 294	1.9	29 174	0.1

Date	Europe *(concl.)*		Oceania			
	Yugoslavia		Australia	Hawaii		New Zealand
	V (B)		III	I		V (B)
					%	
1937	.	.	.	.	.	.
1952	44 718	2.4	16 601	8 422	4.4	47
1953	81 610	4.0	24 268	9 542	4.9	85
1954	76 215	3.3	6 524	11 759	6.0	58
1955	67 233	2.7	2 861	9 924	5.0	56
1956	99 338	3.9	8 052	9 007 r	4.4	259
1957	115 904	4.3	17 775	7 733	3.7	394
1958	132 004	...	26 834	7 606	3.6	786
1958 : Mar.	160 978	5.8	24 485	8 152	4.0	338
Apr.	144 453	5.1	26 811	8 016	3.9	442
May	117 526	5.3	27 282	8 038	3.9	588
June	101 793	4.5	29 418	9 416	4.4	708
July	100 534	4.4	29 915	8 036	3.6	1 096
Aug.	104 089	4.5	28 278	7 527	3.4	1 474
Sep.	111 766	4.9	26 002	6 629	3.1	1 501
Oct.	119 903	5.2	24 037	5 888	2.8	1 133
Nov.	138 688	6.0	22 302	7 123	3.3	728
Dec.	174 177	7.6	27 565	6 861	3.2	713
1959 : Jan.	211 756	9.3	31 486	6 700	3.2	806
Feb.	229 508	9.9	28 207	6 582	3.1	753
Mar.	208 963	8.9	27 669	6 591	3.1	803
Apr.	...	...	26 824	6 493	3.0	1 190
May	...	...	27 924	6 520	3.0	1 541
June	...	...	27 528	8 072	3.7	1 519

The roman numerals and other abbreviations used in this table are explained on p. 18.

[1] 1937 : excl. agricultural workers ; Nov. 1952-55 : excl. commercial workers ; 1953-55 : averages of Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct. and Dec. [2] 1937-55 : statistics of type IV ; beginning 1956 : unemployment among members of unemployment insurance funds. [3] 1937 : the statistics refer to persons insured under the Unemployment Insurance Acts ; beginning 1952 they relate to all registered unemployed, and the percentages are based on the estimated total number of wage and salary earners aged 15 years and over insured under the National Insurance Scheme. [4] Wholly unemployed. [5] Persons temporarily laid off.

Consumer Price Indices

Country	Africa				
	Algeria	Egypt (U.A.R.)	Madagascar [4]	Morocco [6]	Northern Rhodesia [8]
Town or number of localities	Algiers	Cairo	Tananarive	Casablanca	8
			[5]		[9]
1937	.	34[3]	.	3[7]	56[10]
1952	101[1]	107	92	96	97
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	101	96	101	99	103
1955	101	96	104	102	107
1956	104	98	104	109	111
1957	106[2]	102	109	113	115
1958	119	102	117	116	118
1958 : May	118	102	117	118	118
June	119	102	117	113	118
July	120	102	117	111	119
Aug.	119	102	118	112	118
Sep.	120	102	118	113	118
Oct.	121	102	118	114	118
Nov.	122	102	118	117	118
Dec.	124	102	119	121	118
1959 : Jan.	127	102	122	121	119
Feb.	128	103	122	122	119
Mar.	129	103	123	121	120
Apr.	128	103	125	118	120
May	128	102	126	115	120
June	...	...	...	113	...

Country	Africa (concl.)				America	
	Southern Rhodesia [11]	Sudan [12]	Tunisia	Union of South Africa [16]	Canada	United States
Town or number of localities	6	3	Tunis	9	11-33	46 [19]
			[15]	[17]		
1937	.	26[13]	4[13]	50	55	54
1952	97	102[14]	98	97	101	99
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**[20]
1954	100	108	101	102	101	100
1955	101	110	103	105	101	100
1956	105	106	109	107	102	102
1957	108	108[7]	115	110	106	105
1958	113	116	120	114[18]	108	108
1958 : May	113	117	118	114	108	108
June	113	117	117	114	108	108
July	113	116	117	115	108	108
Aug.	113	119	118	115	108	108
Sep.	113	119	118	115	109	108
Oct.	113	112	119	115	109	108
Nov.	113	116	120	115[18]	109	108
Dec.	113	114	124	115	109	108
1959 : Jan.	114	113	123	115	109	108
Feb.	114	114	122	115	109	108
Mar.	115	115	125	115	109	108
Apr.	115	116	120	115	109	108
May	114	116	...	115	109	108
June	116	...	...	...	109	109

[1] Oct.-Dec. [2] Beginning Aug. 1957 : new series, linked to former series. [3] June-Aug. 1939. [4] Index for European salaried employees. [5] Excl. rent. [6] Index for Moroccans. [7] 1939. [8] Index for non-indigenous population. [9] Excl. " miscellaneous ". [10] Aug. 1939. [11] Index for Europeans. [12] Index for low-salaried officials living in government houses. [13] 1938. [14] New series ; former series linked to new series. [15] Excl. clothing and rent. [16] Index for white population. [17] Incl. direct taxes. [18] Beginning Nov. 1958 : new series, linked to former series. [19] 1937-52 : 34-56 localities. [20] Revised series ; former series linked to revised series.

Country	America *(cont.)*				
	Argentina	Barbados	Brazil	British Guiana[5]	British Honduras
Town or number of localities	Buenos Aires	Bridgetown	São Paulo	2	Belize
1937	15	.	14[3]	37[6]	39[6]
1952	96	.	82[4]	100	104
1953	**100**	**100**[1]	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	104	99	118	103	99
1955	117	101	142	106	100
1956	132	101	173	108	101
1957	165	104[2]	206	*101*[7]	100
1958	217	107	237	*102*	102[9]
1958 : May	203	107	231	*102*	102
June	212	106	232	*102*	103[10]
July	220	107	237	*102*	103
Aug.	230	108	238	*102*	102
Sep.	235	108	243	*102*	102
Oct.	242	107	249	*102*	101
Nov.	254	106	265	*103*	101
Dec.	275	107	265	*104*	101
1959 : Jan.	324	107	279	*104*	102
Feb.	353	107	290	*104*	102
Mar.	379	107	302	*104*	102
Apr.	411	107	307	*105*	103
May	...	107	310	*104*	102
June	...	107	...	*104*	103

Country	America *(cont.)*				
	Chile	Colombia	Costa Rica	Cuba	Dominican Republic
Town or number of localities	Santiago	Bogotá	San José	Havana	Ciudad Trujillo
1937	9	24	37	.	.
1952	80	93	100[4]	.	101
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	172	109	103	97[11]	98
1955	302	109[10]	106	97	98
1956	471	116	107	97	99
1957	627	133	110	97	104
1958	752[10]	153	113	...	102
1958 : May	736	156	113	101	102
June	746	157	113	100	102
July	754	154	113	...	102
Aug.	773	153	113	...	102
Sep.	791	154	112	...	100
Oct.	809	156	112	...	100
Nov.	830	156	112	...	99
Dec.	843	156	114	...	100
1959 : Jan.	871	161	114	...	100
Feb.	910	161	113	...	100
Mar.	953	164	114	...	99[7]
Apr.	988	168	114	...	101
May	1 020	...	...	...	...
June	1 043	...	...	...	...

[1] June-Dec. [2] Revised series, linked to former series. [3] 1939. [4] New series; former series linked to new series. [5] Urban areas; 1937-56: Georgetown only. [6] Mar.-Dec. 1938. [7] New series (base 1956=100) replacing former series. [8] Sep. 1939. [9] Beginning June 1958: new series, linked to former series. [10] New series, linked to former series. [11] Sep.-Dec.

Country	America *(cont.)*				
	Ecuador	El Salvador	Guatemala	Honduras	Jamaica
Town or number of localities	Quito	San Salvador	Guatemala City	Tegucigalpa	Kingston
1937	.	40	.	51	31[3]
1952	99	94	97	98	100
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	104	104	103	106	98
1955	106	*105*[2]	105	115	100
1956	101	*107*	106	110	100[1]
1957	102[1]	*102*	104	108	103
1958	104	*108*	106	111	109
1958 : May	103	*105*	104	113	108
June	103	*106*	108	113	110
July	103	*108*	109	114	110
Aug.	103	*109*	105	114	108
Sep.	103	*110*	105	112	108
Oct.	104	*109*	106	112	110
Nov.	103	*108*	105	111	110
Dec.	103	*108*	105	110	109
1959 : Jan.	104	*108*	104	111	109
Feb.	104	*108*	104	109	111
Mar.	104	*107*	105	110	110
Apr.	...	*107*	...	...	111
May	...	...	...	...	...
June	...	...	...	...	...

Country	America *(cont.)*					
	Mexico	Neth. Antilles	Nicaragua	Panama	Paraguay	Peru
Town or number of localities	Mexico City	Curaçao	Managua	Panama City	Asunción	Lima
	[4]	[5]	[6]			
1937	19	.	8	.	2[8]	18
1952	102	100	89	101	59	92
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	105	99	108	99	120	105
1955	122	103	*108*[7]	99	148	110
1956	128	105	**100**	99	180	116
1957	135	108	*97*	99	209	125
1958	150	109	*101*	99	222	135
1958 : May	149	109	*103*	.	212	133
June	149	109	*106*	99	219	135
July	151	109	*108*	.	221	136
Aug.	151	109	*104*	.	221	138
Sep.	151	109	*101*	99	223	138
Oct.	151	109	*102*	.	222	137
Nov.	154	109	*103*	.	225	139
Dec.	155	109	*98*	99	226	139
1959 : Jan.	155	109	*98*	.	230	141
Feb.	153	110	*99*	.	233	141
Mar.	152	110	*98*	99	236	143
Apr.	153	...	*98*	.	...	...
May	...	...	*99*	.	...	...
June	...	...	*105*	99	...	...

[1] New series, linked to former series. [2] New series (base June 1954 = 100) replacing former series. [3] Aug. 1939. [4] Excl. rent and " miscellaneous ". [5] Incl. direct taxes. [6] 1937-May 1955: index of retail food prices, incl. coal, firewood and soap. [7] June-Dec.: new index of consumer prices, replacing former series. [8] Dec. 1938.

Country	America *(concl.)*				
	Puerto Rico	St. Vincent	Trinidad	Uruguay	Venezuela
Town or number of localities	6			Montevideo	Caracas
1937	.	.	.	40	51[1][2]
1952	97	93	98	94	101
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	103	100	101	112	102
1955	102	104	106	122	100
1956	103	107	107	130	99
1957	107	109	109	149	97
1958	110	112	114	175	100
1958 : May	110	111	114	171	98
June	110	111	114	172	96
July	110	111	115	175	98
Aug.	110	111	116	174	106
Sep.	110	113	115	180	110
Oct.	111	119	114	182	102
Nov.	111	119	114	188	100
Dec.	111	119	114	193	98
1959 : Jan.	110	115	114	201	...
Feb.	111	115	116	212	...
Mar.	111	115	117	...	...
Apr.	...	115	116	...	...
May	...	115	117	...	...
June	...	...	117	...	...

Country	Asia				
	Burma	Cambodia	Ceylon	China[7] (Taiwan)	Cyprus
Town or number of localities	Rangoon	Pnom-Penh	Colombo	Taipeh	4
1937	27[3]	[5] .	38[6]	.	.
1952	103[4]	78	98[4]	84	96
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	96	108	100	102	104
1955	98	121	99	112	110
1956	111	127	99	123	119
1957	119	127	101	133	127[8]
1958	115	135	103	134	133
1958 : May	117	133	104	135	133
June	120	137	103	132	132
July	126	138	102	131	131
Aug.	125	139	103	135	132
Sep.	122	142	103	137	135
Oct.	118	143	105	137	134
Nov.	111	139	104	135	133
Dec.	102	134	103	135	132
1959 : Jan.	96	136	103	...	136
Feb.	94	136	102[7]	...	137
Mar.	97	132	103	...	138
Apr.	96	138	104	...	136
May	97	...	104	...	135
June	98	...	105	...	134

[1] Food, soap and coal only. [2] 1938. [3] Excl. rent. [4] New series ; former series linked to new series. [5] Excl. fuel and light. [6] Aug.-Dec. 1939. [7] Index for middle-class public servants. [8] Beginning Apr. 1957 : new series, linked to former series.

Country	Asia *(cont.)*					
		India				Indonesia
Town or number of localities	Hong Kong [1]	27	Bombay	Delhi	Jamshedpur	Djakarta
		[2]				[3]
1937	.	.	29	.	.	44
1952	99	97	93	102	101	94
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	98	95	99	98	91	106
1955	95	90	93	93	88	141
1956	97	99	97	103	95	161
1957	98	104	102	107	103	177
1958	96	109	109	107	110	258
1958 : May	95	106	107	102	107	221
June	95	109	109	104	108	229
July	95	112	112	109	110	242
Aug.	96	113	111	110	112	273
Sep.	99	114	111	111	117	277
Oct.	99	116	112	112	116	284
Nov.	97	115	111	113	114	287
Dec.	97	112	110	111	108 [r]	287
1959 : Jan.	103	110	109	115	103	298
Feb.	106	111	110	119	108	307
Mar.	107	110	112 [r]	119	108	312
Apr.	106	110	110	112	109	...
May	...	112 [p]	112	109	112	...
June	...	...	...	...	...	...

Country	Asia *(cont.)*					
	Iran	Iraq [5]	Israel	Japan	Korea (South)	Laos [10]
Town or number of localities	7	Baghdad	.	28	Seoul	Vientiane
					[9]	
1937	12	20 [6]	.	.	.	.
1952	94	115	78	94	66	74
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	118	98	112	106	137	123
1955	122	101	119	105 [8]	231 [8]	125
1956	130	107	127	106	284	141
1957	139	113	135	109	349	174
1958	140	109	139	108	339	187
1958 : May	139	111	141	108	345	181
June	139	112	136	109	344	182
July	139	111	140	108	342	195
Aug.	140	104	140	109	341	211
Sep.	139	105	143	109	348	216
Oct.	141	105	143	110	355	193
Nov.	144	106	139	109	340	188
Dec.	147	111	140	109	334	187
1959 : Jan.	150	...	140 [7]	109	339	198
Feb.	154	...	139	108	343	210
Mar.	161	...	140	109	344	204
Apr.	165	...	...	109	350	...
May	168	...	...	108	355	...
June	...	...	...	...	...	...

[1] Index for clerical and skilled technical workers. [2] Excl. rent. [3] Index of free-market retail prices of 19 foodstuffs. [4] July 1938. [5] Index for unskilled labourers. [6] 1939. [7] New series, linked to former series. [8] New series ; former series linked to new series. [9] 1952-54 : excl. rent. [10] Index for Laotians, middle class.

Country	Asia *(cont.)*					
	Lebanon [1]	Malaya (Federation of)		Pakistan		Philippines
Town or number of localities	Beirut	Kuala Lumpur		Karachi	Narayanganj	Manila
		[5]	[6]			
	[2]		[7]			
1937	23[3]	.	.	.	.	28
1952	107	103	103	90	101	107[8]
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	95	94	94	98	84	96
1955	97	91	91	94	85	95
1956	102	92	92	97	99	96
1957	109	97	96	106	104	98
1958	114[4]	96	95	110	108	103
1958 : May	.	97	95	111	108	102
June	.	95	94	112	108	104
July	.	95	94	114	109	103
Aug.	.	94	93	113	111	103
Sep.	.	94	93	114	113	104
Oct.	113	94	93	107	112	104
Nov.	114	94	94	103	106	102
Dec.	115	95	94	100	104	103
1959 : Jan.	117	95	94	100	105	101
Feb.	117	...	...	101	105	98
Mar.	118	...	...	103	108	98
Apr.	...	...	...	104	106	98
May	...	...	...	104	...	98
June	...	...	...	...	...	98

Country	Asia *(concl.)*				Europe	
	Singapore [9]	Syria (U.A.R.)	Thailand [14]	Viet-Nam	Austria	Belgium
Town or number of localities	.	Damascus	Bangkok	Saigon	10 [16]	62
		[11]				[7]
1937	29[10]	18[12]	6[15]	.	15[17]	24
1952	101	109	90	79	101	100
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**[8]
1954	93	92	100	113	103	101
1955	91	91	105	124	105	101
1956	92	104[13]	111	139	108	104
1957	94	114	118	132	112	107
1958	92	109	124	130	114	108
1958 : May	92	104	128	128	112	108
June	91	106	130	128	115	109
July	91	107	128	130	115	108
Aug.	91	103	134	133	114	108
Sep.	91	107	124	134	115	108
Oct.	91	106	125	132	115	108
Nov.	92	110	118	131	115	108
Dec.	92	114	120	131	115	109
1959 : Jan.	92	105	117	133	115	109
Feb.	92	106	119	136	115	109
Mar.	...	104	124	135	*99*[16]	109
Apr.	...	...	125	...	*100*	109
May	...	...	124	...	*101*	109
June	...	...	...	...	*103*[8]	...

[1] Index for salaried employees. [2] Incl. direct taxes. [3] June-Aug. 1939. [4] Average of Jan.-Apr., and Oct.-Dec. [5] Index for Chinese labourers. [6] Index for Malay labourers. [7] Excl. rent. [8] New series ; former series linked to new series. [9] Index for Asian labourers. [10] 1939. [11] Food, soap, kerosene and cigarettes only. [12] 1938. [13] Average of less than 12 months. [14] Index for clerical workers and civil servants. [15] Apr. 1938-Mar. 1939. [16] 1938-Feb. 1959 : Vienna only. Excl. rent. [17] Mar. 1938. [18] New series (base 1958=100) replacing former series.

Country	Europe *(cont.)*					
	Czechoslovakia	Denmark	Finland	France	Germany (Fed. Rep.)[6]	Greece
Town or number of localities		200	1-33	Paris	9-106	Athens
		[2]				
1937	.	48	.	4[4]	59[4]	0.3
1952	.	100	98	101	102	92
1953	**100** [1]	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	89	101	100	100	100	115
1955	86	107	97	101	102	122
1956	84	113	108	103	105	126
1957	82	116	120	106[5]	106	129
1958	82	117	128[r 3]	122	110	131
1958: May	.	.	129[r]	121	111	131
June	.	.	128	122	110	131
July	.	117	128[r]	122	111	131
Aug.	.	.	128	123	110	131
Sep.	.	.	128	123	109	131
Oct.	.	118	128	124	109	131
Nov.	.	.	129[r]	123	110	131
Dec.	.	.	129[r]	124	110	132
1959: Jan.	.	119	129[r]	127	110	132
Feb.	.	.	129[r]	128	110	132
Mar.	80	.	129[r]	128	110	133
Apr.	.	.	129[r]	128	110	133
May	.	.	129[r]	127	110	133
June	.	.	129	128	111	...

Country	Europe *(cont.)*					
	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Luxembourg	Netherlands	Norway
Town or number of localities	Reykjavik	118	92[11]	9	21[13]	3-53[15]
				[12]		
1937	17[7]	43	2[4]	27	38[3]	45
1952	100[8]	95[9]	98	100[8]	100[14]	98[16]
1953	**100**	**100**[10]	**100**[3]	**100**	**100**	**100**[16]
1954	101	100	103	101	104	104
1955	105	103	105	101	106	105
1956	116	107	109	101	108	109
1957	121	112	110	106	115	112
1958	128	117	113	107	117	118
1958: May	122	117	114	106	117	117
June	123	.	114	107	119	118
July	127	.	114	107	117	119
Aug.	129	117	114	107	116	119
Sep.	130	.	114	108	116	120
Oct.	138	.	113	107	116	119
Nov.	139	117	113	107	116	119
Dec.	140	.	113	107	117	120
1959: Jan	135	.	112	107	117	121
Feb.	131	118	112	107	117	121
Mar.	129[3]	.	112	106	117	119
Apr.	129	.	112	106	116[r]	119
May	129	118	112	106	116	120
June	129	.	...	107	...	120

[1] June. [2] Incl. direct taxes. [3] New series, linked to former series. [4] 1938. [5] Revised series, linked to former series. [6] Excl. Saar; consumers' group with monthly consumption expenditure in 1950 of approx. 300 marks. [7] 1939. [8] New series; former series linked to new series. [9] Interim index, excl. "miscellaneous"; former series linked to interim index. [10] New series; former interim index linked to new series. [11] 1937-52: 61 towns of over 50,000 inhabitants. [12] Excl. rent. [13] 1937: six localities. [14] New series, replacing former series. [15] 1937: 3-31 localities. [16] Revised series; former series linked to revised series.

Country	Europe *(cont.)*					
	Poland	Portugal	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Turkey
Town or number of localities		Lisbon	50	70 [2]	33-122	Istanbul
					[4]	
1937	.	.	27 [1]	49	59	26 [6]
1952	71	99	98	99	101 [5]	97
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	94	99	101	101 [3]	101	109 [7]
1955	91	99	105	104	102	119
1956	91	102	111	109	103	136
1957	95	104	123	113	105	159
1958	...	105	140	119	107	172 [7]
1958 : May	...	104	139	119	107	162 [7]
June	...	104	139	119	107	165
July	...	105	140	119	107	168 [7]
Aug.	...	105	141	119	108	174 [7]
Sep.	...	105	143	119	108	180 [7]
Oct.	...	106	144	119	108	181
Nov.	...	107	146	119	108	188
Dec.	...	107	148	119	108	199 [7]
1959 : Jan.	...	107	148	119	107	200 [7]
Feb.	...	107	148	119	107	207 [7]
Mar.	...	108	149	119	106	208
Apr.	...	105	150	119	106	210
May	...	104	...	119	106	...
June	...	103	...	119	106	...

Country	Europe *(concl.)*		Oceania			
	United Kingdom	Yugoslavia	Australia	Fiji [9]	Hawaii	New Zealand
Town or number of localities	23-200	20 [8]	6	Suva	Honolulu	23
1937	.	.	38	39 [10]	.	52
1952	97	95	96 [5]	101	99	96 [5]
1953	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
1954	102	98	101	105	101	105
1955	106	111	104	105	102	107 [5]
1956	112 [7]	117	110	109	104	111
1957	116	118	113	110	108	113
1958	119	125	115	108	112	118
1958 : May	120	128	.	.	.	.
June	121	127	.	.	111	.
July	119	125	115	109	.	121
Aug.	119	120		.	.	
Sep.	119	119		.	113	
Oct.	120	123	116	108	.	122
Nov.	120	123		.	.	
Dec.	121	125		.	113	
1959 : Jan.	121	127	117	109	.	122
Feb.	121	129		.	.	
Mar.	121	...		.	114	
Apr.	120	...	...	109	.	...
May	119	...		.	.	
June	120	...		.	113	

[1] July-Dec. 1939. [2] Number of areas ; 1937-June 1954 : 60 localities. [3] July-Dec. ; new series, linked to former series. [4] 1937 : excl. " miscellaneous ". [5] New series ; former series linked to new series. [6] 1938. [7] New series, linked to former series. [8] 1952-53 : 51 localities. [9] Index for Indian workers. [10] Aug. 1939.

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